

STROKE / CVA

State of New Jersey EMD Guidecards Version 8/98

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Is patient alert?
Is patient breathing normally?
Describe what the patient looks like.
What is the patient doing?
Can the patient respond to you and follow simple commands?
Can the patient answer your questions?
How is the patient acting?
If acting unusually, what is different?
Is the patient able to speak in full sentences?
Is the patient complaining of any pain? Where is the pain located?
Is the patient a diabetic?
Has the patient had a seizure?
Has the patient had a headache?
Has the patient had any recent injury/trauma?
Does the patient have any other medical or surgical history? What?
Has the patient had a stroke before?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

BLS DISPATCH

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Unconscious/not breathing normally.
Marked change in level of consciousness.
Weakness or paralysis.
Chest pain.
Diabetic.
Seizure.
Severe headache.

Past history of stroke (CVA) with no new changes.

STROKE / CVA Pre-Arrival Instructions

Keep patient calm.

Don't allow patient to move around.

If unconscious or having difficulty breathing, keep neck straight and remove pillows.

Nothing by mouth (to eat or drink).

Gather patient medication, if any.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL

If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group.

Short Report

Age

Sex

Specific location

Chief complaint

Pertinent related symptoms

Medical/Surgical history, if any

Other agencies responding

Any dangers to responding units